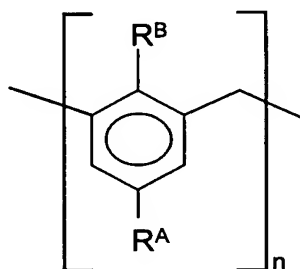


Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil comprising a major proportion of a mixture of
 - A) a middle distillate fuel oil, and
 - B) a biofuel oil,
and ~~also~~ a minor proportion of
 - C) an oil-soluble copolymer of ethylene and at least 0.2 to 35 mol% of a first comonomer, wherein the first comonomer is an further-olefinically unsaturated compound which containscontaining at least one free hydroxyl group, and ~~which has~~ and having an OH number of from 10 to 300 mg KOH/g.
2. (Original) A fuel oil as claimed in claim 1, wherein the A) : B) mixing ratio is from 99:1 to 1:99.
3. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in claim 1 ~~and/or 2~~, wherein the OH number of the oil-soluble copolymer C) is between 20 and 250.
4. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the copolymer C) has an average molecular weight of from 700 to 10,000 g/mol.
5. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the proportion of the ~~hydroxyl-functional comonomer~~ further-olefinically unsaturated compound in the copolymer C) is between 0.5 and 15 mol%.
6. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the copolymer C), ~~in addition to ethylene and at least one hydroxyl-functional comonomer, also contains~~ further comprises at least one second further comonomer ~~which is~~ selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, acrylic esters, methacrylic esters, vinyl ethers and olefins.

7. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1, wherein the content of C) in the ~~mixture consisting of A) and B)~~fuel oil is from 0.001 to 5% by weight.

8. (Currently Amended) A fuel oil as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, which, in addition to the constituents A), B) and C), ~~also contains~~further comprises at least one alkylphenol-formaldehyde resin of the formula



where R^{A} is $\text{C}_6\text{--C}_{24}$ -alkyl or -alkenyl, R^{B} is OH or $\text{O--(A--O)}_x\text{--H}$ where $\text{A} = \text{C}_2\text{--C}_4$ -alkylene and $x = 1$ to 50, and n is a number from 2 to 50, ~~in particular from 5 to 40~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for demulsifying a mixture of at least one middle distillate fuel oil and at least one biofuel oil comprising the step of adding the the mixture~~The use of an oil-soluble copolymer of ethylene and at least 0.2 to 35 mol% of a further olefinically unsaturated compound which has~~having at least one free hydroxyl group, ~~and which has~~and having an OH number of from 10 to 300 mg KOH/g, ~~as a demulsifier in mixtures of middle distillate fuel oils with biofuel oils.~~

10. (New) A fuel oil as claimed in claim 8, wherein n is from 5 to 40.